

**METRO FLOOD DIVERSION AUTHORITY
AUGUST 31, 2017—10:32 AM**

1. MEETING TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority was held Thursday, August 31, 2017, at 10:32 AM in the Fargo City Commission Room with the following members present: Fargo City Commissioner Dave Piepkorn; Fargo City Mayor Tim Mahoney; Cass County Commissioner Mary Scherling; Cass County Commissioner Chad M. Peterson; Cass County Commission representative Darrell Vanyo; Moorhead City Council Member Joel Paulsen via conference call; Clay County Commissioner Kevin Campbell; Clay County Commissioner Grant Weyland via conference call; Cass County Joint Water Resource District Manager Rodger Olson via conference call; and West Fargo City Commissioner Mike Thorstad. Moorhead City Council Member Chuck Hendrickson was absent.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Second interview discussion; Jay Neider to be offered position

Board members participated in a second interview with finalist Jay Neider on Monday, August 28th and provided their comments. The consensus is that Mr. Neider is the candidate that stood out from the three finalists, and the board supports hiring him as Executive Director.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Weyland moved and Mr. Vanyo seconded to hire Jay Neider for the position of Executive Director for the Metro Flood Diversion Authority. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

North Dakota state law allows the board to meet in private session to consult with legal counsel to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Vanyo seconded that the Metro Flood Diversion Authority meet in executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. §44-04-19.1 to discuss negotiating instructions to Co-Executive Directors, Executive Director search firm representative, and general counsel regarding the negotiating parameters for an offer of employment and employment contract with the finalist selected for the position of Executive Director. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Diversion Authority board members, key administrative staff, and Attorney Katie Bertsch moved to the River Room at 10:40 AM.

Moorhead City Mayor Del Rae Williams and Fargo City Commissioner Tony Grindberg arrived after members moved to the River Room and also participated in the executive session.

The executive session ended at 11:10 AM, and the meeting was re-opened to the public.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, passed

On motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Vanyo, and all voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.